



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Montebello, CA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Montebello for a Brownfields Pilot. Montebello plans to target approximately 100 acres of industrial land in the southeast corner of the City. According to City records and grading maps, the site was used as a landfill until 1970. Fear of potential environmental liability and health hazards have precluded redevelopment of the site. Although economic progress has been made on nearby sites, the targeted area has remained underdeveloped. The site is adjacent to a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood characterized by low to moderate income levels and higher-than-average unemployment rates. The City believes that cleanup and redevelopment of the site will serve to restore economic vitality and increase employment opportunities for local residents.

OBJECTIVES

Montebello plans to clean up and restore the targeted area in order to stimulate the local economy and provide needed jobs for the surrounding community. Pilot funding will be used to conduct environmental assessments in the target area, encourage a public-private team approach, and analyze alternative cleanup and reuse strategies.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Montebello, California

Date of Announcement:
July 1998

Amount: \$200,000

Profile: The Pilot targets 100 acres of industrial land in the southeast corner of the City.

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Visit the EPA Region 9 Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting environmental assessments to determine the extent of contamination and the scope and costs of cleanup;
- Creating cost-effective cleanup and redevelopment plans in partnership with the private sector and local, State, and Federal agencies;
- Evaluating sustainable, alternative financing sources for the project; and
- Conducting community outreach activities such as public meetings and workshops to share information on the cleanup planning and redevelopment process.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.